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Draft Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load

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Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Notice for the Public Review of the Draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Chesapeake Bay

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### General Comment

As a supporter of the family farms within New York's Chesapeake Bay watershed area, I ask that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revise New York's Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation to a realistic and attainable standard and accept the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYS DEC) Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) which is an aggressive and realistic plan to protect water quality in New York's portion of the Bay watershed.

Clean water is a priority of New York farmers, who have worked for many years to protect the state's water resources under the most progressive water quality standards in the country.

EPA should also adopt the model refinements recommended by the NYS DEC in their draft Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan to restore the Chesapeake Bay and its watershed.

New York's farm communities in the Bay watershed have serious concerns that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 3 (USEPA R3) has not accurately accounted for all pollutant reduction factors which are distinct and unique to New York.

Since 2004, the NYS DEC, in partnership with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, has been implementing a practical, programmatic, state-wide approach to nutrient and sediment reduction which has resulted in marked improvements to the Susquehanna River Basin region and, thereby, the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

For these reasons, please revise New York's Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allocation to a realistic and adopt the model refinements recommended by NYS DEC in their Draft Phase I Watershed Implementation Plan.

Sincerely,

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